

Policy Clarifications
Medical Assistance – All
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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Incarceration During the COVID-19 Emergency

Question: Should Medical Assistance (MA) recipients be placed in the MG 99 category when incarcerated during the COVID-19 Emergency?

Response By: Division of Health Services

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Yes, during the COVID-19 emergency, MA benefits must be terminated upon incarceration by closing the MA eligible category and opening in the MG 99 category. MA benefits for these individuals must be re-opened prior to release (if the release date is known) from the correctional facility, effective the date of release. See [OPS Memo 18-08-04](#) for more information on reinstating MA benefits.